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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT **DEFENSE** ASSISTANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND **EVALUATION** DIRECTOR, NET ASSESSMENT DIRECTOR, FORCE TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Alternate Safe Haven Designation—Hurricane Wilma

Effective this date, alternate safe haven selection is authorized at the discretion of the addressees adhering to the following direction:

DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

Military Dependents. Dependents of Service members who were ordered or authorized by a commander (or equivalent DoD authority) to evacuate military installations due to Hurricane Wilma, are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the CONUS. Dependents of uniformed personnel are to be processed for safe haven allowances in accordance with the JFTR, Chapter 6, Part B. Allowances may not exceed 180 days from the date dependents arrive at their alternate safe haven location, and may be subject to cancellation of the evacuation order or authorization. Those affected by this policy are authorized up to two months of advanced pay (37 USC 1006(c)) provided members' dependents have been evacuated. The guidance in my memorandum dated September 29, 2005 (attached) regarding allowances for dependents of Reserve component members evacuated to safe haven/alternate safe haven due to Hurricane Katrina or Rita shall apply to dependents ordered to evacuate due to Hurricane Wilma.

<u>Civilian Employees/Families.</u> DoD civilian employees who were ordered or authorized to evacuate their official duty station due to Hurricane Wilma, will comply



with the conditions set forth in the evacuation orders issued by a commander (or equivalent DoD authority). Effective this date, under Chapter 12 of the Joint Travel Regulations, dependents of DoD civilian employees who are under evacuation orders are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the CONUS. Applicable allowances for DoD employees and their family members are to be provided in accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 550, Subpart D, implemented by Appendix I, Part B, of the Joint Travel Regulations, "Evacuations in the United States." Allowances may continue for up to 180 days from the effective date of the evacuation and may be subject to cancellation of the evacuation order or authorization.

Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita Evacuees Affected by Hurricane Wilma. DoD civilian employees and dependents; and dependents of Service members who were evacuated due Hurricane Katrina and Rita, who now must relocate again because of Hurricane Wilma, are authorized to move to a temporary alternate safe haven within the CONUS. If, after damage from Hurricane Wilma is known, and authorities allow families to return; families may remain in place or return to the safe haven from which they departed in response to Hurricane Wilma. If Hurricane Wilma damage is extensive and families cannot return, the families may remain in place or select another alternate haven within the CONUS.

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Attachment: As stated